

no direct implication of foreign exchange being saved by mixing ethanol in Petrol.

There is, however, the indirect consequence of conserving foreign exchange on importing the crude oil required for refining that quantity of petrol.

Availability of natural gas

1443. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of natural gas in the reserves of each State and Union Territory of the country;

(b) the quantity lifted everyday in each State and Union Territory;

(c) whether there are reserves of natural gases where utilization is less than possible;

(d) the programmes contemplated for this; and

(e) the quantity of gases being outsourced at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) State-wise natural gas reserves in the country are as under:—

State/Regions	Gas reserves*
Andhra Pradesh	41.464
Arunachal Pradesh	2.370
Assam	141.987
Gujarat	80.694
Nagaland	0.119
Rajasthan	4.246
Tamil Nadu	28.780
Tripura	27.735
East Coast	399.136
West Coast	344.290

* Billion Cubic Metre (BCM)

(b) State-wise natural gas production in the country is as under:—

State/Regions	Gas production (MMSCMD*)
Offshore	62.3
Andhra Pradesh	4.6
Arunachal Pradesh	0.13
Assam	6.59
Gujarat	10.17
Rajasthan	0.661
Tamil Nadu	2.48
Tripura	1.32

*Million Standard Cubic Metre per day (MMSCMD)

(c) and (d) Gas reserves in Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura are not being fully exploited to their potential. In Arunachal Pradesh, Oil India Limited (OIL) has plans to lay gas pipeline from Kumchai in Arunachal Pradesh to Doomduma in Assam. In Tripura, a 740 MW Power Plant at Palatana, has been planned.

(e) India imported about million metric tonne (MMT) of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) during the year 2005-06 at Petronet LNG's Terminal, Dahej. In addition M/s Shell Hazira imported 0.171 MMT of LNG for its LNG terminal at Hazira during 2005-06.

Resignation of ONGC employees

1444. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the ONGC who are involved in exploration and production activities currently;

(b) the number of employees who have resigned from the ONGC in 2004-05 and 2005-06;